

IC 33-37-7

Chapter 7. Distribution of Court Fees

IC 33-37-7-1

Repealed

(As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.85-2004, SEC.24; P.L.95-2004, SEC.12. Repealed by P.L.1-2006, SEC.588.)

IC 33-37-7-2

Circuit court clerk's distribution of fees

Sec. 2. (a) The clerk of a circuit court shall distribute semiannually to the auditor of state as the state share for deposit in the homeowner protection unit account established by IC 4-6-12-9 one hundred percent (100%) of the automated record keeping fees collected under IC 33-37-5-21 with respect to actions resulting in the accused person entering into a pretrial diversion program agreement under IC 33-39-1-8 or a deferral program agreement under IC 34-28-5-1 and for deposit in the state general fund seventy percent (70%) of the amount of fees collected under the following:

- (1) IC 33-37-4-1(a) (criminal costs fees).
- (2) IC 33-37-4-2(a) (infraction or ordinance violation costs fees).
- (3) IC 33-37-4-3(a) (juvenile costs fees).
- (4) IC 33-37-4-4(a) (civil costs fees).
- (5) IC 33-37-4-6(a)(1)(A) (small claims costs fees).
- (6) IC 33-37-4-7(a) (probate costs fees).
- (7) IC 33-37-5-17 (deferred prosecution fees).

(b) The clerk of a circuit court shall distribute semiannually to the auditor of state for deposit in the state user fee fund established in IC 33-37-9-2 the following:

- (1) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction, and correction fees collected under IC 33-37-4-1(b)(5).
- (2) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the alcohol and drug countermeasures fees collected under IC 33-37-4-1(b)(6), IC 33-37-4-2(b)(4), and IC 33-37-4-3(b)(5).
- (3) One hundred percent (100%) of the child abuse prevention fees collected under IC 33-37-4-1(b)(7).
- (4) One hundred percent (100%) of the domestic violence prevention and treatment fees collected under IC 33-37-4-1(b)(8).
- (5) One hundred percent (100%) of the highway work zone fees collected under IC 33-37-4-1(b)(9) and IC 33-37-4-2(b)(5).
- (6) One hundred percent (100%) of the safe schools fee collected under IC 33-37-5-18.
- (7) One hundred percent (100%) of the automated record keeping fee collected under IC 33-37-5-21 not distributed under subsection (a).

(c) The clerk of a circuit court shall distribute monthly to the county auditor the following:

(1) Seventy-five percent (75%) of the drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction, and correction fees collected under IC 33-37-4-1(b)(5).

(2) Seventy-five percent (75%) of the alcohol and drug countermeasures fees collected under IC 33-37-4-1(b)(6), IC 33-37-4-2(b)(4), and IC 33-37-4-3(b)(5).

The county auditor shall deposit fees distributed by a clerk under this subsection into the county drug free community fund established under IC 5-2-11.

(d) The clerk of a circuit court shall distribute monthly to the county auditor one hundred percent (100%) of the late payment fees collected under IC 33-37-5-22. The county auditor shall deposit fees distributed by a clerk under this subsection as follows:

(1) If directed to do so by an ordinance adopted by the county fiscal body, the county auditor shall deposit forty percent (40%) of the fees in the clerk's record perpetuation fund established under IC 33-37-5-2 and sixty percent (60%) of the fees in the county general fund.

(2) If the county fiscal body has not adopted an ordinance described in subdivision (1), the county auditor shall deposit all the fees in the county general fund.

(e) The clerk of the circuit court shall distribute semiannually to the auditor of state for deposit in the sexual assault victims assistance fund established by IC 5-2-6-23(j) one hundred percent (100%) of the sexual assault victims assistance fees collected under IC 33-37-5-23.

(f) The clerk of a circuit court shall distribute monthly to the county auditor the following:

(1) One hundred percent (100%) of the support and maintenance fees for cases designated as non-Title IV-D child support cases in the Indiana support enforcement tracking system (ISETS) or the successor statewide automated support enforcement system collected under IC 33-37-5-6.

(2) The percentage share of the support and maintenance fees for cases designated as Title IV-D child support cases in ISETS or the successor statewide automated support enforcement system collected under IC 33-37-5-6 that is reimbursable to the county at the federal financial participation rate.

The county clerk shall distribute monthly to the department of child services the percentage share of the support and maintenance fees for cases designated as Title IV-D child support cases in ISETS, or the successor statewide automated support enforcement system, collected under IC 33-37-5-6 that is not reimbursable to the county at the applicable federal financial participation rate.

(g) The clerk of a circuit court shall distribute monthly to the county auditor the following:

(1) One hundred percent (100%) of the small claims service fee under IC 33-37-4-6(a)(1)(B) or IC 33-37-4-6(a)(2) for deposit in the county general fund.

(2) One hundred percent (100%) of the small claims garnishee service fee under IC 33-37-4-6(a)(1)(C) or IC 33-37-4-6(a)(3) for deposit in the county general fund.

(h) This subsection does not apply to court administration fees collected in small claims actions filed in a court described in IC 33-34. The clerk of a circuit court shall semiannually distribute to the auditor of state for deposit in the state general fund one hundred percent (100%) of the following:

(1) The public defense administration fee collected under IC 33-37-5-21.2.

(2) The judicial salaries fees collected under IC 33-37-5-26.

(3) The DNA sample processing fees collected under IC 33-37-5-26.2.

(4) The court administration fees collected under IC 33-37-5-27.

(i) The clerk of a circuit court shall semiannually distribute to the auditor of state for deposit in the judicial branch insurance adjustment account established by IC 33-38-5-8.2 one hundred percent (100%) of the judicial insurance adjustment fee collected under IC 33-37-5-25.

(j) The proceeds of the service fee collected under IC 33-37-5-28(b)(1) or IC 33-37-5-28(b)(2) shall be distributed as follows:

(1) The clerk shall distribute one hundred percent (100%) of the service fees collected in a circuit, superior, county, or probate court to the county auditor for deposit in the county general fund.

(2) The clerk shall distribute one hundred percent (100%) of the service fees collected in a city or town court to the city or town fiscal officer for deposit in the city or town general fund.

(k) The proceeds of the garnishee service fee collected under IC 33-37-5-28(b)(3) or IC 33-37-5-28(b)(4) shall be distributed as follows:

(1) The clerk shall distribute one hundred percent (100%) of the garnishee service fees collected in a circuit, superior, county, or probate court to the county auditor for deposit in the county general fund.

(2) The clerk shall distribute one hundred percent (100%) of the garnishee service fees collected in a city or town court to the city or town fiscal officer for deposit in the city or town general fund.

(l) The clerk of the circuit court shall distribute semiannually to the auditor of state for deposit in the home ownership education account established by IC 5-20-1-27 one hundred percent (100%) of the following:

(1) The mortgage foreclosure counseling and education fees

collected under IC 33-37-5-33 (before its expiration on July 1, 2017).

(2) Any civil penalties imposed and collected by a court for a violation of a court order in a foreclosure action under IC 32-30-10.5.

(m) The clerk of a circuit court shall distribute semiannually to the auditor of state one hundred percent (100%) of the pro bono legal services fees collected before July 1, 2017, under IC 33-37-5-31. The auditor of state shall transfer semiannually the pro bono legal services fees to the Indiana Bar Foundation (or a successor entity) as the entity designated to organize and administer the interest on lawyers trust accounts (IOLTA) program under Rule 1.15 of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Indiana supreme court. The Indiana Bar Foundation shall:

(1) deposit in an appropriate account and otherwise manage the fees the Indiana Bar Foundation receives under this subsection in the same manner the Indiana Bar Foundation deposits and manages the net earnings the Indiana Bar Foundation receives from IOLTA accounts; and

(2) use the fees the Indiana Bar Foundation receives under this subsection to assist or establish approved pro bono legal services programs.

The handling and expenditure of the pro bono legal services fees received under this section by the Indiana Bar Foundation (or its successor entity) are subject to audit by the state board of accounts. The amounts necessary to make the transfers required by this subsection are appropriated from the state general fund.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.85-2004, SEC.25; P.L.95-2004, SEC.13; P.L.2-2005, SEC.108; P.L.176-2005, SEC.16; P.L.126-2006, SEC.3; P.L.174-2006, SEC.16; P.L.104-2008, SEC.5; P.L.122-2008, SEC.4; P.L.105-2009, SEC.24; P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.395; P.L.170-2011, SEC.14; P.L.229-2011, SEC.260; P.L.128-2012, SEC.182; P.L.136-2012, SEC.18; P.L.231-2013, SEC.14; P.L.284-2013, SEC.6; P.L.247-2015, SEC.38; P.L.213-2015, SEC.259; P.L.77-2016, SEC.2.

IC 33-37-7-3

Repealed

(As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16. Repealed by P.L.1-2006, SEC.588.)

IC 33-37-7-4

Fees collected by clerk of circuit court; county share

Sec. 4. (a) The clerk of a circuit court shall forward the county share of fees collected to the county auditor in accordance with IC 33-37-7-12(a). The auditor shall retain as the county share twenty-seven percent (27%) of the amount of fees collected under the following:

- (1) IC 33-37-4-1(a) (criminal costs fees).
- (2) IC 33-37-4-2(a) (infraction or ordinance violation costs fees).
- (3) IC 33-37-4-3(a) (juvenile costs fees).
- (4) IC 33-37-4-4(a) (civil costs fees).
- (5) IC 33-37-4-6(a)(1) (small claims costs fees).
- (6) IC 33-37-4-7(a) (probate costs fees).
- (7) IC 33-37-5-17 (deferred prosecution fees).

(b) This section applies after June 30, 2005.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16.

IC 33-37-7-5

Repealed

(As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16. Repealed by P.L.1-2006, SEC.588.)

IC 33-37-7-6

Fees collected by clerk of circuit court; city or town share

Sec. 6. (a) The qualified municipality share to be distributed to each city and town maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least fifty percent (50%) of the city's or town's ordinance violations in a circuit or superior court located in the county is three percent (3%) of the amount of fees collected under the following:

- (1) IC 33-37-4-1(a) (criminal costs fees).
- (2) IC 33-37-4-2(a) (infraction or ordinance violation costs fees).
- (3) IC 33-37-4-3(a) (juvenile costs fees).
- (4) IC 33-37-4-4(a) (civil costs fees).
- (5) IC 33-37-4-6(a)(1) (small claims costs fees).
- (6) IC 33-37-4-7(a) (probate costs fees).
- (7) IC 33-37-5-17 (deferred prosecution fees).

(b) The county auditor shall determine the amount to be distributed to each city and town qualified under subsection (a) as follows:

STEP ONE: Determine the population of the qualified city or town.

STEP TWO: Add the populations of all qualified cities and towns determined under STEP ONE.

STEP THREE: Divide the population of each qualified city and town by the sum determined under STEP TWO.

STEP FOUR: Multiply the result determined under STEP THREE for each qualified city and town by the amount of the qualified municipality share.

(c) The county auditor shall distribute semiannually to each city and town described in subsection (a) the amount computed for that city or town under STEP FOUR of subsection (b).

(d) This section applies after June 30, 2005.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.201-2011, SEC.102.

IC 33-37-7-7

Repealed

(As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.85-2004, SEC.26; P.L.95-2004, SEC.14. Repealed by P.L.1-2006, SEC.588.)

IC 33-37-7-8

City or town court clerk's and fiscal officer's distribution of fees

Sec. 8. (a) The clerk of a city or town court shall distribute semiannually to the auditor of state as the state share for deposit in the homeowner protection unit account established by IC 4-6-12-9 one hundred percent (100%) of the automated record keeping fees collected under IC 33-37-5-21 with respect to actions resulting in the accused person entering into a pretrial diversion program agreement under IC 33-39-1-8 or a deferral program agreement under IC 34-28-5-1 and for deposit in the state general fund fifty-five percent (55%) of the amount of fees collected under the following:

- (1) IC 33-37-4-1(a) (criminal costs fees).
- (2) IC 33-37-4-2(a) (infraction or ordinance violation costs fees).
- (3) IC 33-37-4-4(a) (civil costs fees).
- (4) IC 33-37-4-6(a)(1)(A) (small claims costs fees).
- (5) IC 33-37-5-17 (deferred prosecution fees).

(b) The city or town fiscal officer shall distribute monthly to the county auditor as the county share twenty percent (20%) of the amount of fees collected under the following:

- (1) IC 33-37-4-1(a) (criminal costs fees).
- (2) IC 33-37-4-2(a) (infraction or ordinance violation costs fees).
- (3) IC 33-37-4-4(a) (civil costs fees).
- (4) IC 33-37-4-6(a)(1)(A) (small claims costs fees).
- (5) IC 33-37-5-17 (deferred prosecution fees).

(c) The city or town fiscal officer shall retain twenty-five percent (25%) as the city or town share of the fees collected under the following:

- (1) IC 33-37-4-1(a) (criminal costs fees).
- (2) IC 33-37-4-2(a) (infraction or ordinance violation costs fees).
- (3) IC 33-37-4-4(a) (civil costs fees).
- (4) IC 33-37-4-6(a)(1)(A) (small claims costs fees).
- (5) IC 33-37-5-17 (deferred prosecution fees).

(d) The clerk of a city or town court shall distribute semiannually to the auditor of state for deposit in the state user fee fund established in IC 33-37-9 the following:

- (1) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction, and correction fees collected under

IC 33-37-4-1(b)(5).

(2) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the alcohol and drug countermeasures fees collected under IC 33-37-4-1(b)(6), IC 33-37-4-2(b)(4), and IC 33-37-4-3(b)(5).

(3) One hundred percent (100%) of the highway work zone fees collected under IC 33-37-4-1(b)(9) and IC 33-37-4-2(b)(5).

(4) One hundred percent (100%) of the safe schools fee collected under IC 33-37-5-18.

(5) One hundred percent (100%) of the automated record keeping fee collected under IC 33-37-5-21 not distributed under subsection (a).

(e) The clerk of a city or town court shall distribute monthly to the county auditor the following:

(1) Seventy-five percent (75%) of the drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction, and corrections fees collected under IC 33-37-4-1(b)(5).

(2) Seventy-five percent (75%) of the alcohol and drug countermeasures fees collected under IC 33-37-4-1(b)(6), IC 33-37-4-2(b)(4), and IC 33-37-4-3(b)(5).

The county auditor shall deposit fees distributed by a clerk under this subsection into the county drug free community fund established under IC 5-2-11.

(f) The clerk of a city or town court shall distribute monthly to the city or town fiscal officer (as defined in IC 36-1-2-7) one hundred percent (100%) of the following:

(1) The late payment fees collected under IC 33-37-5-22.

(2) The small claims service fee collected under IC 33-37-4-6(a)(1)(B) or IC 33-37-4-6(a)(2).

(3) The small claims garnishee service fee collected under IC 33-37-4-6(a)(1)(C) or IC 33-37-4-6(a)(3).

The city or town fiscal officer (as defined in IC 36-1-2-7) shall deposit fees distributed by a clerk under this subsection in the city or town general fund.

(g) The clerk of a city or town court shall semiannually distribute to the auditor of state for deposit in the state general fund one hundred percent (100%) of the following:

(1) The public defense administration fee collected under IC 33-37-5-21.2.

(2) The DNA sample processing fees collected under IC 33-37-5-26.2.

(3) The court administration fees collected under IC 33-37-5-27.

(h) The clerk of a city or town court shall semiannually distribute to the auditor of state for deposit in the judicial branch insurance adjustment account established by IC 33-38-5-8.2 one hundred percent (100%) of the judicial insurance adjustment fee collected under IC 33-37-5-25.

(i) The clerk of a city or town court shall semiannually distribute to the auditor of state for deposit in the state general fund

seventy-five percent (75%) of the judicial salaries fee collected under IC 33-37-5-26. The city or town fiscal officer shall retain twenty-five percent (25%) of the judicial salaries fee collected under IC 33-37-5-26. The funds retained by the city or town shall be prioritized to fund city or town court operations.

(j) The clerk of a city or town court shall distribute semiannually to the auditor of state one hundred percent (100%) of the pro bono legal services fees collected before July 1, 2017, under IC 33-37-5-31. The auditor of state shall transfer semiannually the pro bono legal services fees to the Indiana Bar Foundation (or a successor entity) as the entity designated to organize and administer the interest on lawyers trust accounts (IOLTA) program under Rule 1.15 of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Indiana supreme court. The Indiana Bar Foundation shall:

(1) deposit in an appropriate account and otherwise manage the fees the Indiana Bar Foundation receives under this subsection in the same manner the Indiana Bar Foundation deposits and manages the net earnings the Indiana Bar Foundation receives from IOLTA accounts; and

(2) use the fees the Indiana Bar Foundation receives under this subsection to assist or establish approved pro bono legal services programs.

The handling and expenditure of the pro bono legal services fees received under this section by the Indiana Bar Foundation (or its successor entity) are subject to audit by the state board of accounts. The amounts necessary to make the transfers required by this subsection are appropriated from the state general fund.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.85-2004, SEC.27; P.L.95-2004, SEC.15; P.L.2-2005, SEC.109; P.L.176-2005, SEC.17; P.L.174-2006, SEC.17; P.L.224-2007, SEC.120; P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.396; P.L.136-2012, SEC.19; P.L.213-2015, SEC.260.

IC 33-37-7-9

Auditor's transfer of funds to treasurer; treasurer's deposit of certain funds

Sec. 9. (a) On June 30 and on December 31 of each year, the auditor of state shall transfer to the treasurer of state nine million two hundred seventy-seven thousand twenty-three dollars (\$9,277,023) for distribution under subsection (b).

(b) On June 30 and on December 31 of each year, the treasurer of state shall deposit into:

(1) the family violence and victim assistance fund established by IC 5-2-6.8-3 an amount equal to eight and three-hundredths percent (8.03%);

(2) the Indiana judges' retirement fund established by IC 33-38-6-12 an amount equal to thirty-eight and fifty-five hundredths percent (38.55%);

(3) the law enforcement academy building fund established by IC 5-2-1-13 an amount equal to two and fifty-six hundredths percent (2.56%);

(4) the law enforcement training fund established by IC 5-2-1-13 an amount equal to ten and twenty-seven hundredths percent (10.27%);

(5) the violent crime victims compensation fund established by IC 5-2-6.1-40 an amount equal to eleven and ninety-three hundredths percent (11.93%);

(6) the motor vehicle highway account an amount equal to nineteen and forty-nine hundredths percent (19.49%);

(7) the fish and wildlife fund established by IC 14-22-3-2 an amount equal to twenty-five hundredths percent (0.25%);

(8) the Indiana judicial center drug and alcohol programs fund established by IC 12-23-14-17 for the administration, certification, and support of alcohol and drug services programs under IC 12-23-14 an amount equal to one and sixty-three hundredths percent (1.63%); and

(9) the DNA sample processing fund established under IC 10-13-6-9.5 for the funding of the collection, shipment, analysis, and preservation of DNA samples and the conduct of a DNA data base program under IC 10-13-6 an amount equal to seven and twenty-nine hundredths percent (7.29%);

of the amount transferred by the auditor of state under subsection (a).

(c) On June 30 and on December 31 of each year, the auditor of state shall transfer to the treasurer of state for deposit into the public defense fund established under IC 33-40-6-1 three million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$3,700,000).

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.85-2004, SEC.28; P.L.176-2005, SEC.18; P.L.1-2006, SEC.511; P.L.174-2006, SEC.18; P.L.122-2008, SEC.5; P.L.130-2009, SEC.20; P.L.229-2011, SEC.262.

IC 33-37-7-10

Counties having judicial circuit in which IC 31-1-23 or IC 31-1-24 applies; appropriation

Sec. 10. (a) In a county having a judicial circuit in which either IC 31-12-1 or IC 31-12-2 applies, the county fiscal body shall annually appropriate an amount necessary to carry out the administration and the purposes of the programs established under these chapters.

(b) Requests for funding under this section must be submitted under IC 36-2-5-4 or IC 36-3-6-4.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16.

IC 33-37-7-11

Counties with pension trusts; appropriations; claims by sheriff

Sec. 11. (a) This section applies to a county in which there is

established a pension trust under IC 36-8-10-12.

(b) For each service of a writ, an order, a process, a notice, a tax warrant, or other paper completed by the sheriff of a county described in subsection (a), the sheriff shall submit to the county fiscal body a verified claim of service.

(c) From the county share distributed under section 4 of this chapter and deposited into the county general fund, the county fiscal body shall appropriate thirteen dollars (\$13) for each verified claim submitted by the sheriff under subsection (b). Amounts appropriated under this subsection shall be deposited by the county auditor into the pension trust established under IC 36-8-10-12.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.1-2006, SEC.512; P.L.174-2006, SEC.19.

IC 33-37-7-12

Forwarding and deposit of fees; duties of clerk and county and municipal officers

Sec. 12. (a) Except:

(1) for the state share prescribed by section 2 of this chapter for semiannual distribution; and

(2) as provided under section 2(g) of this chapter, IC 33-32-4-6, and IC 33-37-5-2;

not later than thirty (30) days after the clerk collects a fee, the clerk shall forward the fee to the county auditor if the clerk is a clerk of a circuit court, and to the city or town fiscal officer if the clerk is the clerk of a city or town court.

(b) If part of the fee is collected on behalf of another person for service as a juror or witness, the county auditor or city or town fiscal officer shall forward that part of the fee to the person not later than forty-five (45) days after the auditor or fiscal officer receives the claim for the fee.

(c) Except for amounts deposited in a user fee fund established under IC 33-37-8, the county auditor shall distribute fees received from the clerk to the following:

(1) The county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund, if the fee belongs to the county.

(2) The fiscal officer of a city or town, if the fee belongs to the city or town under section 6 of this chapter.

(d) Except for amounts deposited in a user fee fund established under IC 33-37-8, the city or town fiscal officer shall deposit all fees received from a clerk in the city's or town's treasury.

(e) The clerk shall forward the state share of each fee to the state treasury at the clerk's semiannual settlement for state revenue.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.16. Amended by P.L.1-2006, SEC.513.